

REMARKS

Claims 53 and 62 have been amended. Claims 146 and 147 have been added. No claims have been canceled. Claims 44-147 remain in the application. Early and favorable consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

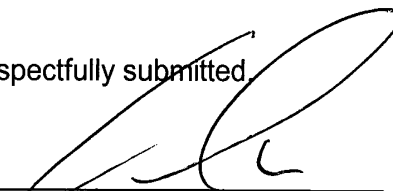
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1456 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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Date

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